

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (17/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Accavitti and Meltzer (2/19)

Chair Meisner announced that House TV was broadcasting today's meeting.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4440** before the committee:

HB 4440 Meisner	Property tax; assessments; transfer of ownership; revise definition to exclude all transfers of principal residence property for certain period.
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Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Association of Homebuilders, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions. Mr. Schwartz also submitted written material.

Rob Campau, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

David Gregory, representing Grosse Pointe Municipalities, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **9:48 a.m.**

Chair Meisner called the committee to order, the time being **9:56 a.m.**

Representative Sheltroun moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4440**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (13/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Reps. Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Knollenberg offered the following amendment to **House Bill 4440 (H-1)**:

1. Amend page 12, line 21, by striking out the balance of the bill.

Representative Knollenberg moved to adopt the amendment.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (6/19)

NAYS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine (10/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion **did not** prevail.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 4440**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine (10/19)

NAYS: Reps. Stakoe, Rick Jones (2/19)

PASS: Reps. Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Knollenberg (4/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Sheltroun moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 6, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Sheltroun moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti** and **Meltzer**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:10 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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